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1. ON RECEIPT REF (C) GOG WAS IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF FAVORABLE RESPONSE BY USG TO PRIME MINISTER'S URGENT REQUEST FOR AIR TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL AREAS. GOG REPRESENTATIVE MINISTER GREEN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT MADE BY USG TO OBTAIN NECESSARY FUNDS FROM SECTION 451 FAA FOR THIS PURPOSE.
2. WHILE GOG REQUEST WAS BEING CONSIDERED WITHIN USG, GUYANA AIRWAYS CORP (GAC) WAS MAKING EXTENSIVE EFFORTS THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS IN US AND CANADA TO RENT ENGINE FOR DAMAGED TWIN OTTER SO THAT IT COULD BE FLOWN FROM PORT KAITUMA TO GEORGETOWN FOR BODY REPAIR WORK AND THEREAFTER TO SHIP DAMAGED ENGINE TO U.S. OR CANADA FOR NEEDED REPAIR AS URGENTLY AS POSSIBLE. FORTUNATELY, ONE RENTED ENGINE WAS ENVENTUALLY LOCATED IN U.S. AND FLOWN TO PORT KAITUMA. THIS PERMITTED DAMAGED PLANE TO BE RETURNED TO GEORGETTOWN, WHERE ITS BLOOD-STAINED

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INTERIOR HAS BEEN CLEANED, BULLET HOLES PATCHED, AND OTHER DAMAGE REPAIRED. AIRPLANE HAS JUST BEEN RETURNED TO SERVICE COMMENCING DECEMBER 18. TWO TWIN OTTERS THEREFORE ARE NOW IN SERVICE ALTHOUGH ONE WILL HAVE TO BE GROUNDED FOR NORMAL MAINTENANCE SHORTLY.
3. IN LIGHT ABOVE, GOG URGENTLY REQUESTS THAT IN LIEU OF CHARTER OF TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT REQUESTED REF (A), USG PROVIDE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE:
(A) COST OF RENTAL ENGINE FROM U.S. FIRM FOR APPROXIMATELY 65 DAYS AT ESTIMATED COST $5,770. THIS IS TIME PERIOD ANTICIPATED TO BE NEEDED TO REPAIR DAMAGED ENGINE IN U.S. AND RETURN TO GEORGETOWN. HOWEVER, GAC HAS SINCE CONFIRMED ITS ONE STANDBY ENGINE WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE REPAIRS IN CANADA MAY BE READY FOR SHIPMENT TO GEORGETOWN SOON. ASSUMING THIS PROVES TO BE THE CASE, ANTICIPATED COST FOR RENTAL OF ENGINE

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WILL BE FOR MINIMUN 30 DAYS AT TOTAL APPROXIMATE COST
OF US$3,000.
(B) COST OF REPAIR OF DAMAGED ENGINE WHICH WILL BE DONE
IN U.S. BY U.S. FIRM IS NOT YET KNOWN. HOWEVER, PRATT
AND WHITNEY REP FROM CANADA WHO RECENTLY INSPECTED
ENGINE GEORGETOWN ESTIMATED THAT COST OF REPAIRS,
REPLACEMENT OF SPARES AND OVERHAUL COULD APPROXIMATE
US$50,000.
4. ALTHOUGH AS CAN BE SEEN FROM ABOVE THE FORM OF
ASSISTANCE REQUESTED HAS CHANGED, (DUE TO GAC'S
COMMENDABLE INITIATIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO RESTORE
SERVICE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE) ESSENTIAL PURPOSE
OF ASSISTANCE REMAINS UNCHANGED, NAMELY TO RESTORE
VITAL COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLY LINE FOR ITEMS SUCH
AS FUEL AND FOODSTUFFS TO RURAL AREAS FOR WHICH STOL
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TYPE AIRCRAFT IS ESSENTIAL AND TO ASSURE TRANSPORT OF
PERSONS NEEDING MEDICAL ATTENTION TO HOSPITAL IN
GEORGETOWN. URGE FAVORABE CONSIDERATION THIS REQUEST.
5. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH USAID.
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